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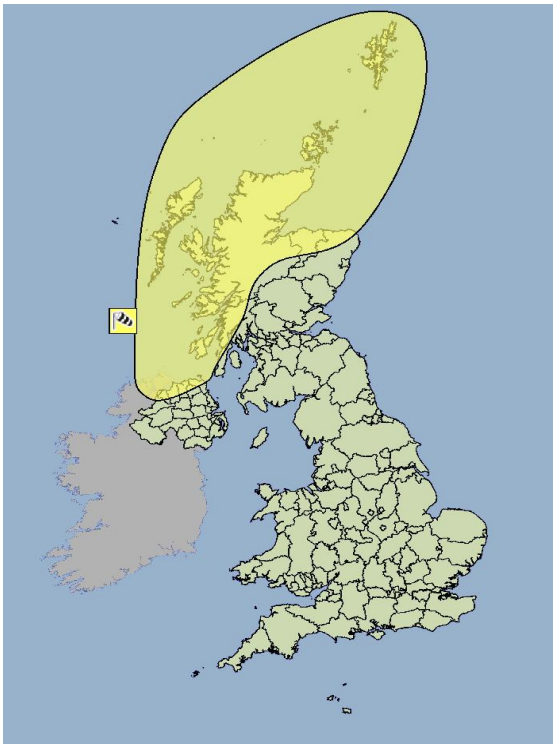

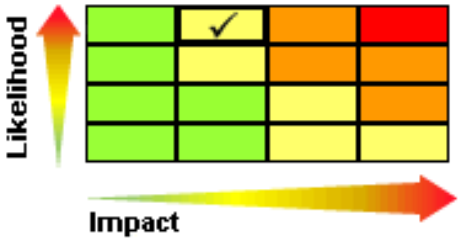

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A deepening area of low pressure centred just to the west of Ireland at 9 am on Saturday, will track north-northeast through the rest of today to be centred over the Hebrides by midnight and to the north of Shetland by midday on Sunday. A swathe of very strong winds are expected to develop on the southern side of this low, bringing gales and locally severe gales to the more exposed parts of the northwest of Northern Ireland for a short period this evening, then to western and northern Scotland overnight and at first on Sunday in the far north. There remains some uncertainty in the location of the higher gust speeds during Sunday morning, due to the track, depth and shape of the low pressure system by this time, so this warning will be updated again overnight.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **18:00 on Sat, 26th Mar 2016** until **13:00 on Sun, 27th Mar 2016**

A swathe of very strong southwesterly winds will affect some northwestern parts of Northern Ireland for a time during Saturday evening, with gusts of 60-70 mph, moving into western Scotland later on Saturday evening, with gusts of 65-75 mph, then northern Scotland and the Northern Isles overnight. The worst of the winds will clear mainland Scotland early on Sunday morning, but will continue to affect the Northern Isles, where there is also a small risk of isolated gusts of 75-80 mph.

Please be aware of the risk of some mainly low levels of disruption to travel, but also to other Easter holiday activities.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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